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Of Special Interest This Week

+ PHILIPPINE REMOTE APPROVED - Ambassador Platt, newly arrived in
Manila, on 10 September approved FBIS' request to establish a remote
monitoring operation within the Manila Embassy to be linked to the FBIS
Hong Kong Bureau. The request was approved with the provisio that there
would be no increase in American staffing in the Philippines, but FBIS
plans for the project have always been based on hiring a U.S. dependent
on contract to record and feed programs from Manila. The FBIS bureau
chief in Hong Kong is visiting Manila this week to finalize arrangements
for the remote monitoring operations, which will substantially improve
reception of Philippine media.

+ IZVESTIA ITEM ON AFGHANISTAN - At the request of Under Secretary of State Armacost's office, the FBIS Wire Service provided an IZVESTIYA account of an interview with Afghan Foreign Minister Wakil dealing with the just concluded round of talks in Geneva on an Afghan political settlement. The IZVESTIYA interview, published in the 13 September issue, is to be used by the under secretary and Secretary Shultz in preparation for USSR Foreign Minister Shevardnadze's visit to Washington this week.

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